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SUBJECT: PROPOSED LETTER TO SENATOR JAVITS

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1. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR STUDY AND DISCUSSION WITH SISCO IS
DRAFT OF POSSIBLE LETTER TO SENATOR JAVITS. WE HAVE
REQUIREMENT HERE TO PREPARE ACTION MEMO BY FRIDAY BUT
LEAVE TO YOU WHETHER YOU WANT TO TAKE THIS UP WITH
SECRETARY.

2. BEGIN DRAFT TEXT:

DEAR SENATOR JAVITS:

DURING MY MEETING WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COM-
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MITTEE ON MAY 6, YOU ASKED FOR A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE

QUESTION: "WHAT IS THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL AND SECURITY?" THIS IS A RESPONSE TO THAT SPECIFIC REQUEST. I SHALL, OF COURSE, EXPECT TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ON THE BROADER ISSUES OF AMERICAN INTERESTS AND POSSIBLE STRATEGIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE UNIQUE HISTORY OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND THEIR COHESION AS A COMMUNITY AND AS A NATION. WE ARE ACUTELY CONSCIOUS OF THE SUFFERING OF THOSE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN THE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL. WE ARE KEENLY AWARE OF OUR OWN ROOTS IN THE SPIRITUAL HERITAGE WHICH THE ANCIENT PEOPLE OF ISRAEL GAVE TO THE WORLD. WE KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ARE RICH IN TALENT AND HAVE CONTRIBUTED BEYOND THE PROPORTION OF THEIR NUMBERS TO ADVANCING THE KNOWLEDGE OF MANKIND AND HELPING TO BUILD THE KIND OF WORLD TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS DEDICATED. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF ISRAEL'S DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM BOTH FOR ITS OWN PEOPLE AND, LIKE OUR OWN SYSTEM, AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS. THIS KNOWLEDGE HAS LED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO DEEP AND ABIDING TIES WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.

FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, SIX AMERICAN PRESIDENTS HAVE PROVIDED THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE CREATION AND EXISTENCE OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE OF ISRAEL AND HAVE REPEATED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS A COMMITMENT TO THE CONTINUED SURVIVAL OF THAT STATE. AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, BROADLY SUPPORTED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HAS OFFICIALLY CONCURRED IN THAT POSITION ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. SIX AMERICAN PRESIDENTS AND SUCCESSIVE CONGRESSES HAVE COLLABORATED IN PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL IN FURTHERANCE OF OUR COMMITMENTS.

A CONCRETE INDICATION OF THE PRESENT STRENGTH OF OUR COMMITMENT CAN BE SEEN IN THE FACT THAT SINCE THE OUTSET OF THE OCTOBER 1973 WAR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED OVER DOLS 3 BILLION IN ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY PURPOSES IN ADDITION TO THE VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE BY PRIVATE AMERICANS DURING A PERIOD OF ACUTE NEED BY ISRAEL. WHEN ISRAEL FACED A CRITICAL SITUATION, WE DID NOT HESITATE TO WITHDRAW CERTAIN WEAPONS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM OUR OWN ACTIVE MILITARY UNITS. THIS WAS DONE IN ORDER TO MEET ISRAEL'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND REESTABLISH THAT BALANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS DEEMED ESSENTIAL FOR ISRAEL'S CONTINUED SURVIVAL AND FOR PROGRESS TOWARD A

JUST AND LASTING PEACE.

THUS THE U.S. INTEREST IS ROOTED IN THE DEEP COMMITMENT OF ONE PEOPLE TO ANOTHER ON THE ELEMENTAL ISSUE OF HUMAN SURVIVAL. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE AMERICAN INTEREST IN ISRAEL SHOULD BE

DEFINED IN STRATEGIC OR MATERIAL TERMS RELATING TO U.S. SELF-INTEREST. THERE HAVE BEEN AND WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO BE OCCASIONS WHEN THE SELF-INTEREST OF ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING OUR STRATEGIC INTERESTS, HAVE BEEN PARALLEL. HOWEVER, WE REMAIN SEPARATE NATIONS WITH DIFFERENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERSPECTIVES. TO ATTEMPT TO DEFINE THE ESSENTIAL AMERICAN INTEREST IN ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL IN SUCH TERMS SERIOUSLY RISKS DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM THE PROFOUND MORAL, ETHICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL NATURE OF THE CONTINUING AMERICAN COMMITMENT, BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE. IT IS THIS COMMITMENT TO SHARED HUMAN VALUES AND TO HUMAN SURVIVAL THAT I BELIEVE ACCOUNTS FOR THE STRENGTH AND DURABILITY OF THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END DRAFT TEXT.

3. I HAVE SOME RESERVATION ABOUT INCLUDING THE NEXT TO LAST FULL PARAGRAPH IN THE ABOVE TEXT RECOUNTING WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR ISRAEL SINCE OCTOBER 1973. I PUT IT IN HOWEVER TO GIVE YOU THE OPTION. I THINK MY CHOICE WOULD BE TO DROP IT AND STICK TO A STRAIGHT STATEMENT OF OUR INTEREST.

4. YOU WILL, OF COURSE, BE READING THIS AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE SEANTORS' LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT SENT YOU
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SEPTEL. I HAVE TRIED IMPLICITLY TO DISSOCIATE THE ABOVE FROM THAT LETTER IN THE OPENING PARAGRAPH.

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